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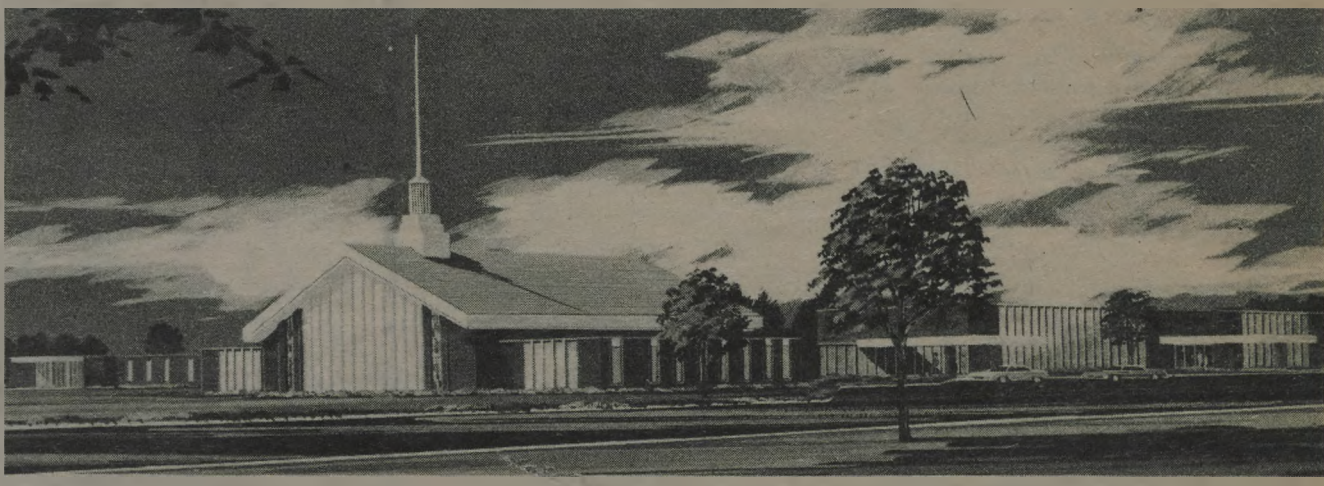
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Fiftieth Anniversary

Pastor Thomas Hughes and members of the Graham Road Baptist Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the church this summer - Sunday, August 15. The church had a very humble beginning in a renovated chicken house on the Trowbridge farm. Later, Brother F. Trowbridge, a charter member, donated two acres of land and a frame building was enlarged, renovated and finally in 1962 a new yellow brick building was constructed. In 1973 another addition with recreational facilities was added. 'We invite former members and friends to share a day of blessing as we invite former pastors and the 14 "preacher boys" back to share in this day. There will be a basket dinner at 1 o'clock and a 6 o'clock service. Slides and an historical presentation will be added to the 6 o'clock evening service of testimony and messages in song and from the WORD'.

Faith Baptist - Gallipolis Continues To Grow!



Sunday, May 16th, was a memorable day for the congregation of the Faith Baptist Church in Gallipolis, Ohio. It was on this lovely day that they dedicated their beautiful new building "unto the Lord"! Faith Baptist Church was born through the vision of 18 couples in the First Baptist Church of Gallipolis. They held their very first meeting on September 13th, 1970 in the Masonic Hall under the leadership of Pastor Joseph C. Chapman. State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh, worked along with these fine folk in establishing this testimony. The new congregation voted to purchase a six acre site on Highway 35 West of Rodney, Ohio and exactly three months following their first public service, they were able to meet in their new building. The church has experienced a continuous growth. First, under Pastor Chapman, within a year after completing their first building, they added an educational wing. This new unit was occupied in March, 1972. Pastor Chapman presently is serving as pastor of the Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Springfield, Ohio. The church then called Rev. O. C. Morrison as their new pastor.

OARBC State Youth Rally



Youth register for Rally Memorial Auditorium, Columbus, once again rang with singing and the enthusiastic sounds of hundreds of young people as the Ohio State Youth Rally took place Saturday, May 15. Approximately 1300 young people from around the state joined song leader Bob Anthony in filling the auditorium with joyful sound. The Proclaimers, a music/drama group provided enjoyable and challenging performances centered around a patriotic theme and the theme of the call to serving Christ. Talents for Christ State winners Mark Hefner, Larry Ball, and Cheryl Sprunger ministered in music and speech and, with additional winners Karen Sewell and Cindy Wilkins, received their trophies. Mr. Jack "Uncle Jack" Willets of Patmos Island Camp teamed together with representatives of the state's other two camps, Scioto Hills and Skyview Ranch, to present the offerings of the camps to our young people. The young people, in turn, presented a generous offering to the ministries of the camps. Following an intermission, Chaplain Stan Beach brought a challenging message from God's Word to young people hopefully ready to apply the truths shared to their lives. The Proclaimers closed the rally with their missionary presentation and hundreds of Christian people returned home, stopping along the way at a McDonald's, of course.

Under Pastor Morrison the work keeps moving ahead. Brother Morrison began his ministry at Faith Baptist Church on August 6, 1972. During his first year at the church, a new parsonage was constructed and six additional acres of land were purchased. In June of 1975, ground was broken for their newest building. It was this that was dedicated "unto the Lord" on May 16th. It is a beautiful structure! The building covers some 12,000 sq. ft. of floor space, which includes a 500 seat auditorium, a spacious foyer connecting the worship and educational areas, a large administration area, a new major entrance with an overhead canopy and an open courtyard between the new and existing units. The building has been under construction for the past ten months by Beco, Inc. of Scott Depot, West Virginia. The system used was construction management, a rather new innovation in the building trade, and approximately \$85,000 was saved, resulting in a building in the area of \$350,000.00.



Pastor O. C. Morrison

On April 4, 1976 the new facilities were used for the first time and two weeks later record attendances were recorded of 435 in the Family Bible School and 483 in the Morning Gospel Hour.

Membership currently stands at 318, whereas there were 39 charter members in 1970. The first operating budget five and one-half years ago was \$18,000 and that has grown to over \$100,000 in 1976.

The church property now consists of 20,000 sq. ft. of usable space in the church plant, an outdoor shelter house with large recreational area, and the Pastor's home, all situated on 22 acres fronting on Highway 35 and running all the way through to State Route 588.

The DEDICATION DAY SERVICES proved a time of blessing for all. Special dedication emphasis was given at all the services of the day. At the Morning Gospel Hour, Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat spoke. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Lynch from the Appalachian Bible Institute and the church's Adult Choir, under the direction of Mr. Eugene Gherke, presented special music.

The afternoon DEDICATION SERVICE began at 3:00 p.m. and closed at 5:00 p.m. Dr. Lester Pipkin, President of the Appalachian Bible Institute delivered the dedication message. Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat, State Missionary Earl Umbaugh, Rev. Joseph Chapman, Rev. and Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Lester Pipkin, Mrs. Don Moffat, the Adult Church Choir, Pastor Morrison, and the Church Building Committee, consisting of Allen Romaine, Wilbur Dennis, Lester Plymale, Hugh H. Graham, Jr., Cliff Vallance, Charles Dotson, Joe Alley and Vernon Harvey - all took part in this special service.

In the Evening Gospel Hour Brother Chapman brought a brief mes-

Resigns As Camp Director

The Board of Trustees of Sky View Ranch, meeting in regular session at Millersburg on April 29, 1976, received and accepted with deep regret the resignation of Executive Director David Truit. Under Mr. Truit's direction Sky View Ranch has become an instrument of blessing, reaching into the lives of both young people and adults throughout our Fellowship. The desire and prayer of the Board is that Dave Truit and his family will continue to have God's direction.

The Board is carrying on the full activities of the Ranch both in the summer and retreat areas and asks for the prayers of the Fellowship for guidance in the future.

For information concerning Sky View related activities contact the Administrator, Rev. Harold Green, P.O. Box 601, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio 45314, or the Chairman of the Board, Rev. William Russell, First Baptist Church, Box 128, Medina, Ohio 44256.

sage. Testimonies were given by Brother Don Moffat, Mrs. Earl Umbaugh and Mrs. Joseph Chapman. Brother Earl Umbaugh gave a brief but thrilling report of the "new church ministry" in the state of Ohio. "The Chapman family" (very talented indeed!) presented a packet of music. Also the Adult Choir ministered and another special piano solo by Mrs. Moffat. All the services were geared to give God all the praise for what has been accomplished in such a brief time. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!

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AWANA Leaders And Pastors Conference

A special conference bringing together
AWANA leaders and pastors will be held
Saturday, August 28, 1976 in the Mans-
field Christian School, 500 Logan Road,
Mansfield, Ohio. The conference will be-
gin promptly at 8:00 a.m. and will con-
tinue to 3:30 p.m.

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Present With The Lord

On May 22, Mrs. Gerald East,
after a prolonged battle with can-
cer quietly slipped into Glory.
She served as president of our
Ohio Women's Missionary Union
and held other offices as well.
For a period of twenty years, she
served as church secretary and
organist of the Bible Baptist
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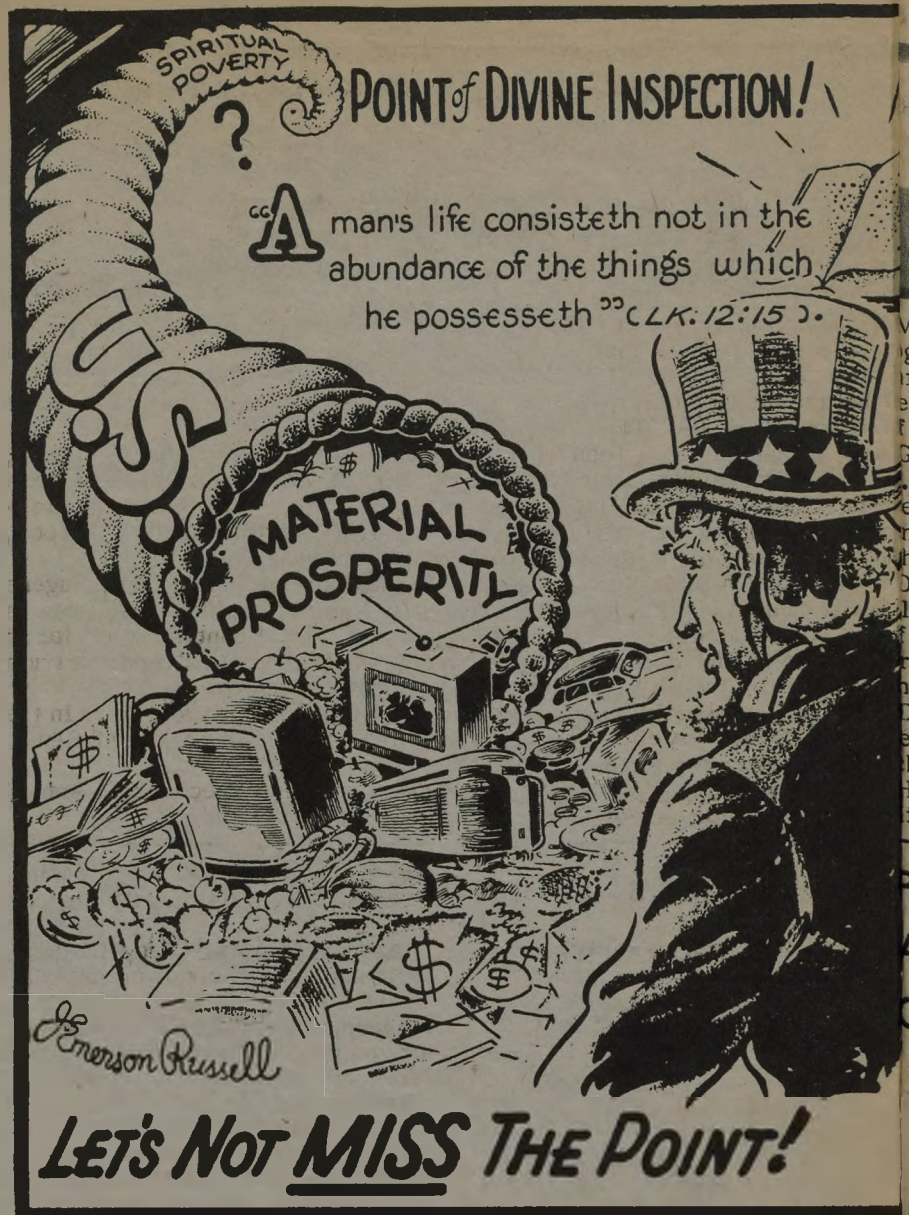
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The Rev. J. Emerson Russell, artist - preacher, and former art director at Cedarville College, is now available for Bible Conferences. He may be addressed at 4 Tecumseh Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

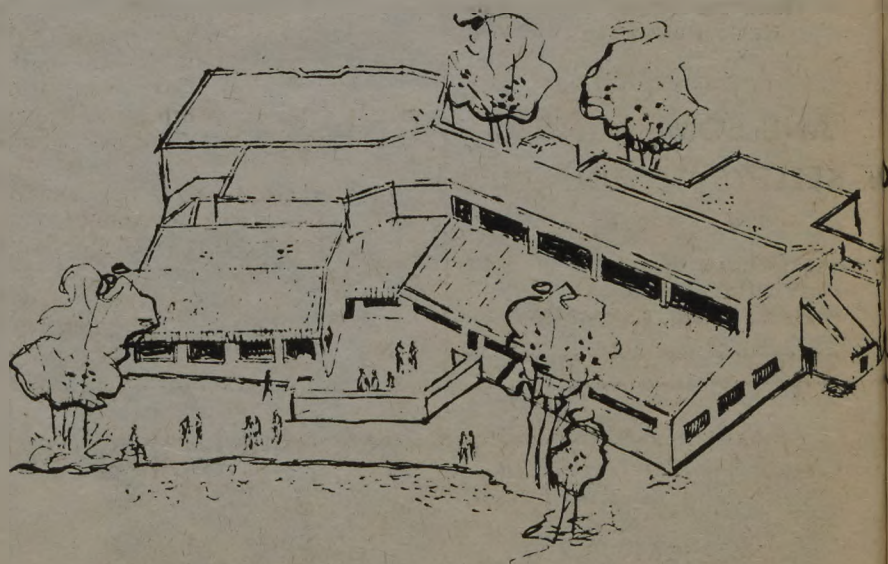
Seminary Receives Large Grant

Dr. W. Wilbert Welch, President of the Grand Rapids Baptist College Seminary is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$50,000 grant from the Pew Memorial Trust of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, toward the construction of a Seminary Building complex. The grant was forwarded by Glenmede Trust Company, trustee of the Pew family trusts, "with every good wish for the success of this project."

Designed to provide a complete living-learning experience for the seminarian, the new Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary building will house study and office areas, a library, a 500-seat auditorium, pool and locker facilities and a large concourse and lounge. The building will be completed and ready for use in January of 1977.

In accepting the grant, Dr. Welch expressed appreciation to the Board of Directors of the Glenmede Trust Company for their interest in this development and concern for the education of called and gifted men and women.

Leon J. Wood
SEMINARY BUILDING



The seminary building will be named after a professor of Old Testament who has served 30 years and is afflicted with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. A recognized Old Testament scholar and author, Dr. Wood has written several books: *The Bible and Future Events*, *Elijah, Prophet of God*, *A Survey of Israel's History*, *A Commentary on Daniel*, *Distressing Days of the Judges*, and *A Study Guide to Daniel*. He has served as an Old Testament consultant on the Berkley and the New International Versions of the Bible.

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JOICE
NEW

Members and friends of the Berea Baptist Church, Berea, Ohio, joined together to celebrate their 25th Annual Missionary Conference, April 25 through 28. A kick-off Fellowship Supper was held Saturday, the 4th. Letting the bicentennial theme, a skit demonstrating the Christian heritage of our town, titled - "The Naming of Berea" was presented. Guest missionaries - John Abuhl, E.B.M. West Africa, Richard Durham, B.W.E. Philippines, Robert Rodgers, B.M.M. Peru and Chaplain Cecil Lewis, U.S. Army, were introduced and shared words of greeting and testimony. Speaker for the dinner was Pastor Emeritus Earl V. Willetts, who set the tone for a wonderful conference this year. On Sunday, Chaplain Lewis, along with the choir presentation of Eugene Clark's cantata - "Let the Earth Hear His Name", challenged the hearts of all who attended. Winners of the church-wide contests to write an original tract and chorus along the theme of John 8:32... "And the truth shall make you free", were chosen and awards presented. During the weeknight sessions, each of the missionaries took part in the service. Review (slide presentations), Rejoice (anecdote), and Renew (challenge) were the topics each night. Hearts were truly challenged and blest by this very special 25th Annual Missionary Conference of 1976.

Pastor Retires After Many Years Of Faithful Service



Rev. and Mrs. Galt

On Saturday, May 1, 1976, members and friends met to pay tribute to Pastor and Mrs. Adam Galt. Pastor Galt is retiring after nearly 44 years in the pastorate - the last 15 of which have been in Erie, Pennsylvania. Part of the evening was spent in reminiscing over the boys of the years in Erie and then they were presented with a "money tree".

Brother Galt served our Ohio State Fellowship admirably on the Council of Ten (as it was known in those days) while he ministered at the Spencer Baptist Church. He pastored the First Baptist Church of Spencer for a period of 17 years. In addition to serving in our OARBC Fellowship, he held various offices in the local Hebron Association

and always proved to be a blessing when called upon to minister in the Word.

Pastor and Mrs. Galt will continue to make their home at 4305 English Avenue in Erie and he will be accepting speaking engagements for pulpit supply and Bible conferences. He needs to engage in these ministries to help sustain him in these retirement years. It would be wonderful if the men of our OARBC Fellowship would have Brother Galt to minister to their people. His ministry would prove to be one of rich blessing. Contact our brother TODAY! -- Rev. Adam Galt, 4305 English Ave., Erie, Penna. - 16510. Phone: (814) 899-7323.

Ohio Awana Olympics

The AWANA Olympics State Finals were held on Saturday, April 24, 1976 at the Mansfield Christian School in Mansfield. Sixteen teams who emerged as winners in the Northern and Southern Semi-Finals met together at 1:30 p.m. and gave us an exciting afternoon of keen competition. Churches from Columbus, Troy, Cedarville, Cuyahoga Falls, Elyria, LaGrange, and Cleveland were represented by the participating teams.

There are four divisions in the Awana Olympics. The new State Champions are as follows: Chums (3rd, 4th, 5th grade girls) - Graham Road Baptist Church, Cuyahoga Falls; Guards (6th, 7th, & 8th grade girls) - Immanuel Baptist Church, Columbus; Pals (3rd, 4th & 5th grade boys) - Maranatha Baptist Church, Columbus; Pioneers (6th, 7th & 8th grade boys) - Immanuel Baptist Church, Columbus.

Each participant on the winning team received a personal trophy plus a large team trophy to take home to their church. Second and third place ribbons were awarded to those team members who attained those positions.

Anniversary Service

The Champion Baptist Church of Warren, Ohio (Rev. David Warren, Pastor) recently held a special 12th anniversary service. The Cedarville College Swordbearers were with them for this occasion.

At the evening service of May 9th, a "Charter Member Choir" consisting of Charles Allison, Violet Walker, Daniel Walker, Jeanette Vesey, Gerald Vesey, Geraldine Lawrence and Warren Lawrence sang. There was a lovely birthday cake. The congregation took part in putting the candles on the cake. These were then lit by the deacons. A time for refreshments and fellowship followed.

The Champion Baptist Church held its first service on May 24 of 1964. This was held in the Kiser Elementary School in Champion. Rev. Wesley Smith was the pastor at that time. Those helping to organize this new church were Rev. Kenneth Romig, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church in Warren, and Rev. Earl Umbaugh, State Missionary for our OARBC.

On August 14, 1965, a groundbreaking service was held and construction began. On December 29, 1965, the first service was held in the new building. There were 20 charter members. In March of 1968, "the Smiths" left for California to enter Los Angeles Baptist Seminary. Rev. Paul Ague served as Interim Pastor. Brother Ague is now pastoring the First Baptist Church of Howland. On September of 1968 the church called its present pastor - Rev. David Warren. Brother Warren is a native of Michigan. His wife is Patricia and they have two lovely daughters - Janice and Cheryl and two fine sons - David and Mark.

Groundbreaking for the parsonage (next to the church) was in May of 1973. Pastor Warren and his family moved into the new parsonage on October of '73.

In grace, God is blessing the testimony of this fine work.

Chardon Pastor Ordained

At the invitation of the Huntsburg Baptist Church an ordination council consisting of members of area Regular Baptist Churches convened May 17 at 2:00 P.M. to examine Pastor Ross DeFelice, pastor of the Chardon Baptist Church, Chardon, Ohio. The council examined him on three areas: his conversion, his call to the ministry and his view of Bible Doctrine. The council highly recommended to the Huntsburg Baptist Church that Pastor DeFelice be publicly ordained to the Gospel ministry. On Thursday, May 27, 1976 a special ordination service was held at the Huntsburg Baptist Church, Huntsburg, Ohio.

... Rev. John R. Gayer
Clerk of Council

Rochester Pastor

Ordained To Ministry



Rev. Louis Konopka

The following are the minutes of the Ordination Council called by the Rochester Baptist Church, Rochester, Ohio, on April 24, 1976, to examine its pastor, Louis Konopka, for ordination to the Gospel ministry.

The meeting was opened by Rev. James Dersham, former pastor of the candidate. Rev. Earl Willetts was elected as moderator, and Rev. Loren Schenck was elected as clerk. Rev. Dersham introduced the candidate. The roll of invited churches and brethren was called, with 14 pastors and 10 messengers present.

The candidate gave his account of conversion 10 years ago, during special meetings at his church with guest evangelist Dr. Hugh Horner. Mr. Konopka was trained at Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, and is taking graduate courses at Ashland Seminary. He felt called to preach, using Romans 1:15, and was called to be the pastor of the Rochester Baptist Church almost two years ago.

It was voted that he be examined as to his doctrinal convictions, one doctrine at a time. He was asked approximately 175 questions on 12 areas of Bible doctrine. Rev. Ken Good moved the council's satisfaction with the candidate, seconded by Rev. Myron Williams, and passed.

The candidate's wife gave her testimony of salvation, and indicated she felt led to serve Christ by helping others. After the candidate and guests were excused, the council went into executive session. A letter of recommendation was read from Dr. Rembert Carter of Baptist Bible College.

Rev. Walter Spieth, noting the candidate's excellent account of Biblical convictions and commending both his home and present churches, moved to recommend to the Rochester Baptist Church that it proceed with the ordination of its pastor, Louis Konopka. This motion was seconded by Rev. Ken Good, and was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Loren H. Schenck
Clerk of the Council.

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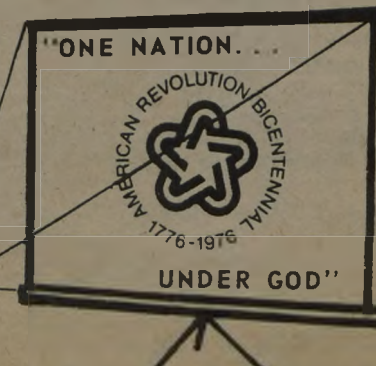
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Our ladies greatly enjoyed their Mother/Daughter banquet on May 7. The Senior High young people took part in a Mohican trip.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, ASHLAND-

We were blessed through the ministry of Evangelist Joe Talley. On April 9 we began a radio ministry. This is on Mondays at 5:45-6:00 P.M. over Ashland's local radio station. This broadcast is in addition to our regular Sunday morning broadcast 8:00 to 8:30 A.M. which is now in its eleventh year.

SOUTH CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH, ATHENS-

Missionary Elaine Schulte (BMM-appointee to the Chad) was with us in late April. We held our Mother/Daughter fellowship on May 14. Miss Pat Barkley (ABWE-Bangladesh) was the guest speaker for this affair. We held a successful Vacation Bible School May 31-June 4.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, BEDFORD-

We viewed the film-"In God We Trust". Our pastor, Rev. Garrison Rice, held special meetings in the Calvary Fellowship Baptist Church of Sterling, Virginia. The Swordbearers of Cedarville College, Rev. Gerald Smelser of the Cleveland Hebrew Missions and missionary Ken Davis all ministered here.

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH,

We were privileged to have and greatly enjoyed the ministry of Cedarville College's choir. Their music was excellent.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BLANCHESTER-

Our choir presented the cantata-"Hallelujah What A Saviour" by John Peterson. Magician Ken Evans performed and spoke at our Pro-Teens banquet. We have hired Brother David Carroll, a sophomore at Cedarville College to serve as our Minister of Youth and Music. We held a good Vacation Bible School-June 7 through 11.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOWLING GREEN-

Miss Ruth Nephew spoke to our AWANA group and at one of our prayer meeting services. We viewed the Bicentennial film-"One Nation Under God". We were led in a KIDS CONFERENCE by Mike and Joanna Coyle. We highly recommend them to our churches.

NEW HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH, CALDWELL-

We took part in a Round Robin Missionary Conference. The messages proved to be a blessing to all. Rev. Donald Worch of Baptist Children's Home led us in a Family Conference. Miss Pat Barkley spoke at our Mother/Daughter Salad Smorgasborg.

PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON-

Rev. Donald Worch of Baptist Children's Home ministered here. "The Life Action Singers" were with us March 28 through April 2. We held a banquet for our Senior Hi young people. Also, Cindy DeBrosse, missionary to the Philippines, ministered here.

WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON-

The ladies of our church greatly enjoyed their Mother/Daughter banquet.

BROOKSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, CLEVELAND-

A lecture series was held in our church on the "Mondays" between May 3 and May 24. "Science and Bio-Chemistry as related to the Scriptures" was presented by Professor James Hanson and Graduate student Nathan Scanzillo-both of Cleveland State University.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS-

Mrs. Irene Rodgers spoke at our Missionary Banquet. She presented a challenging report from Peru. Rev. Robert Rodgers (BMM-Peru) ministered here on May 16.

CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS-

Dr. Lehman Strauss led us in our Spring Bible Conference. Guest speaker at our Graduation Banquet was Rev. Edward Spencer of Cedarville College. We held a Children for Christ Seminar on May 17. The dates of our Vacation Bible School were June 14-18.

HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS-

Chalk Artist, Mrs. Bert Frye, was guest speaker at our Mother/Daughter banquet. Mr. Robert White, former fullback for Ohio State's football team and now Admissions Director at Cedarville College spoke at our Father/Son banquet.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS-

"Golf" was the special emphasis at our Father/Son banquet this year. The lads with their dads spent about two hours playing miniature golf after which they returned to the church for a spaghetti supper. The Swordbearers of Cedarville College were here May 2nd.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS-

Our young people went on a retreat to Marmon Valley Farms near Bellefontaine, Ohio. We were blessed through the ministry of Evangelist Bill Compton. We held a "Jennie Williams" day at which time we raised money to enable this young lady to work in Baptist Mid-Missions Apprentice program. On June 13 we held a Dedication Sunday for our new multi-purpose building. Vacation Bible School this year was held June 14-28.

PINE HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS-

Our choir did an excellent job with their Easter cantata. Our ladies held their Mother/Daughter banquet May 7. We also held a banquet for our High School graduates.

COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON-

Evangelist J. Brubaker led us in a Parent-Teen Crusade May 16-23. Miss Norma Nulph spoke at our Mother/Daughter banquet.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON-

We were blessed through the preaching of Rev. Loren Brown. A special Senior Citizen's banquet was held May 14. Mrs. Donald Hare and Rev. Carson Fremont were guest speakers here for this occasion.

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON-

Our Missionary Conference was held May 5-9. Guest missionaries included Carson Fremont (ABWE-Hong Kong), Ernest Olsen (ABWE-Peru), Chuck and Marilyn Rhodes (BMM-Africa) and Jack Moore (BMM-Brazil). We held a good Vacation Bible School June 14-18.

LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, DUNDEE-

Missionaries Carl and Ethel Thomason (BMM) were here in early May. We recently voted to help in the support of Rev. and Mrs. Bert Kinsey (Singapore) and Rev. and Mrs. John Vanden Akker (Liberia) giving \$20 monthly to each couple. Our Mother/Daughter banquet was held May 21 and Vacation Bible School dates have been set as August 16 through 20.

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, EAST LIVERPOOL-

We had a good week of meetings with Rev. Vernon L. Shive of Boonsboro, Maryland. He conducted a conference on "The Family". The deacons of our church recently initiated a monthly Prayer Breakfast for our men. We held our Mother/Daughter banquet May 4. The theme was-"Hats Off To Mom". Elaine Schulte, nurse from Cedarville College, and now an appointee under BMM to the Chad, ministered here. Rev. William Alexander of the First Baptist Church of Niles, Ohio spoke at our Graduation banquet.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, ELYRIA-

Evangelist Eldon Weaver of Altoona, Iowa held meetings here May 25-30. Hearts were blessed. We highly recommend our brother's ministry to our churches.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ELYRIA-

Our missions giving this past year increased \$3,382.00. We had Rev. James Grier lead us in our Bible Conference. Mrs. Esther Frye was guest speaker at our Mother/Daughter banquet.

GRAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, FAIRBORN-

Recently Dr. Bernard Northrup of Baptist Bible School of Theology (Clarks Summit, Penna.) brought a series on "Bible Creation". Other speakers, who have ministered here recently, are Rev. Sam Olsen (ABWE appointee to Paraguay), Rev. Terry Armstrong (Columbia), Rev. Richard Durham (Philippines) and Miss Edith Phillips (ABWE appointee to Bangladesh).

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, FINDLAY-

The chorale of Faith Baptist College in Ankeny, Iowa presented a Sacred Concert here. Brother Sketch Erickson was with us April 25-28.

FOSTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH-

The Cedarville Choralaries under the direction of Mrs. Lyle Anderson sang here. Their ministry was greatly appreciated. We had good meetings with Evangelist Leland Conner-May 23 through 31. Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat will be ministering on Sunday, July 25.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS-

Our ladies held a Mother/Daughter Bicentennial Salad Buffet and everyone had a great time.

HINCKLEY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH, HINCKLEY-

We viewed a film narrated by Dr. John R. Rice entitled-"The Land Where Jesus Walked". At our Mother/Daughter banquet we saw another film. This was entitled-"One Nation Under God".

HUNTSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH-

We held a banquet honoring Junior and Junior Hi young people. This was on May 16.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, KENTON-

We hosted the Ninth Annual meeting for C.O.M.E. Sam and Judy Olsen, missionary appointees to Paraguay (ABWE) were with us in late April.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, LANCASTER-

Dr. James T. Jeremiah, President of Cedarville College, was with us for special meetings. We rejoice in the Lord's continued blessing on this work. A lovely, almost new, van was given us to use in our young people's work.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, LIMA-

A Mother/Daughter banquet was held May 14. Brother Jim Missildine, missionary to the Jews, spoke on May 23rd.

EUCLID AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, LORAIN-

The film-"Wine of the Morning" was shown in April. We had a fine Mother/Daughter banquet May 11 and Mrs. Viola Dunham was the guest speaker. Pastor Crowell ministered recently at the Northeastern Ohio Sunday School convention held in Akron and Pastor Williams at the Westridge Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, LORAIN-

The Elyria Christian Academy choir sang on May 2nd. We hosted a Youth Worker's Conference on May 22. Our Vacation Bible School this year will be held August 9 through 13.

MOGADORE BAPTIST CHURCH-

A multimedia presentation of "The Life of Christ" from birth to resurrection based on the Paul Cunningham's Exhibit was presented at one of our Sunday evening services recently.

HARMONY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW MATAMORAS-

The Lord gave us a good missionary conference. Our theme was-"Here am I, Lord, Send me". We had four excellent missionary speakers. The Lord blessed.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NILES-

Our Mother/Daughter banquet carried a Bicentennial theme this year. The Ladies had a good time fellowshiping together.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH MADISON-

Ken Starrett spoke to our AWANA boys and girls. We were led in a Spiritual Life Conference by Rev. Carl LeTurco, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Grove City, Pennsylvania.

NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH-

Our choir presented-"Memories of Eastern Morn". Our AWANA boys and their fathers had a special evening together. We held our Missions Conference this year May 9-12. Vacation Bible School was blessed of the Lord. This was held June 14-18.

NORTON BAPTIST CHURCH-

We had good meetings with Evangelist Gary Gilmore. The Lord blessed. We are presently in a building project. Recent missionary speakers include Rev. David Bennett, ABWE appointee to Australia and Rev. Gene Brush, ABWE appointee to Spain.

OBERLIN BAPTIST CHURCH, CAMDEN-

We recently had the Bethel choir and the Singing Merrill Family from the Bethel Baptist Church in Savannah, Ohio. We held a Stewardship banquet and Rev. Don Mathews, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Brunswick, Ohio was the guest speaker.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, ORANGE VILLAGE, OHIO-

We viewed the film-"The Joy of Living". The Cedarville College choir sang here and was a blessing to all. Dr. Raymond Buck Baptist Mid-Missions also ministered here. The "Songs of Praise" singing group from the Western Conservative Baptist Seminary sang here.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, PAINESVILLE,-

A record number of our ladies attended our Mother/Daughter banquet. Special music and a message were presented by Mrs. Jean Ellsworth and Beth. There was a "father-son" clean-up in the kitchen afterwards. Miss Ruth Nephew (BMM-Africa) was with us on May 16. Recently Pastor Luke was guest of honor at a surprise birthday party given by the church family.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH-

Missionary Robert Dyer presented his work in New Guinea. Our pastor, Rev. Max Sidders, will be serving as co-host, along with Dr. Roy Hamman, on a trip to the Holy Land this fall.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RITTMAN-

Evangelist John Canine led us in some very fine meetings. Also, "The Young Awakening 76" teen choir from Hazel Park, Michigan (Tabernacle Baptist Church) presented an evening of music. Rev. Gordon Perry served as a pulpit supply. Brother Perry is from Des Moines, Iowa.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, STREETSBORO-

The ladies of our church enjoyed the ministry of Miss Ruth Nephew (BMM-Africa) when she spoke at their Mother/Daughter banquet May 10. Our Fathers and Sons had a "camp-out" May 14 and 15. Our Mother and Daughters "camp-out" was held June 11-12.

THE FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH, TALLMADGE-

Mr. Budgett of Underground Evangelism presented the film-"At Any Cost". Our members greatly enjoyed their Father/Son banquet. Missionary nurse, Cindy DeBrosse (ABWE) spoke on May 12. We also viewed the film-"I Beheld His Glory".

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO-

We held our Mother/Daughter banquet on May 18. The Piedmont Bible College Musical Team sang at our evening service on June 12. Back in early May our own choir presented a moving musicale entitled-"Alleluia".

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Congratulations are in order to a member of BBC (Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania) family. During the January Bible Conference the Rev. Daniel Gelatt, Class of '54, '65 was awarded the Alumni of the Year Award. Brother an is pastoring the First Baptist Church in Elkhart, Indiana.

The 1975 yearbook staff with Advisor Judith Burke has been awarded a second place silver medal by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in recognition of excellence of production. Co-editors of the book were Carol Sue Frank, a senior in the Christian School, ABWOL program, and William Anderson, an alumnus from the class of '55.

Several promotions were made by the Board of Trustees at their January meeting. Mr. William Ahnke, long-time Business Manager at BBC, was promoted to Treasurer and Controller. BBC Financial Aid Officer, Richard Lades, was named Business Administrator, Miss Roselee Ban-

Activities At Brookside

The WEST SIDE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE, Affiliate School of ETТА, Brookside Host Church, closed the 1975-76 school year with the Fourth Annual Commencement Banquet, April 26. The Winter Spring Semester enrolled 81 students representing 22 churches and a faculty of nine. Five students received the ETТА Preliminary

croft and Mr. William McDonald were promoted from Assistant Professors to Associate Professors.

Coach James Huckaby was voted Coach of the Year in our district. He was chosen from among ten teams. Since the BBC team has advanced to National Playoffs of NCCAA, Mr. Huckaby is being considered for the national title as well.

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Program Certificate and four received the ETТА Advance Program Certificate. Pastor George O'Keefe and the people of Brookside highly recommend to the Ohio pastors and churches to consider the starting of an ETТА Evening Adult Christian Education Program in their own areas.

A Lecture Series, "Science and Bio-Chemistry as Related to the Scriptures", the aftermath of a special course in "Scientific Creationism" taught this last semester in the institute, continued through the month of May. Lecturers were Professor James Hanson, Computer and Information Science Department, Cleveland State University and Graduate Student in Chemistry, Nathan Scanzillo (nephew of Pastor O'Keefe), Cleveland State University. Pastor O'Keefe recommends Prof. Hanson for speaking engagements. The lecture tapes on "Scientific Creationism" are available by writing the West Side Baptist Bible Institute, 581 East Ridgewood Drive, Seven Hills, Ohio - 44131. The cost is \$10.00 per set (12 lectures).

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RACE BAPTIST CHURCH,

LEDO-

up from our annual business meeting we held a Seminary Dinner Banquet. The ladies of our church held their Mother/Daughter banquet early May and their guest speaker was Irene Missildine who, along with her husband, is working with the Jewish people in Detroit, Michigan. Brother Jack Willetts, Director at Camp Patmos, brought a slide presentation of Camp Patmos that was most interesting. We held a special commissioning service for Mike and Sharon Williams. They are the very first missionaries to go to the Field from our church.

MANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH,

LEDO-

men had a great time at their Father's Ox Roast. Our choirs, under the direction of Pastor Don Krueger, presented a patriotic musicale entitled "I Love America".

ENNA BAPTIST CHURCH-

ian Sabo was first place winner in the Tri-county Bible Club quiz. Mrs. Ruby Collins the Bible Club teacher. Our Women's Missionary Fellowship heard Debbie Walker, missionary candidate to Papua, New Guinea. Janice Wills (BMM missionary) spoke our Mother/Daughter banquet.

ETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH,

ARREN-

Miss Ruth Nephew (BMM-Africa) spoke at our Easter Sunrise service. Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife, Lois will be with us Sunday, July 4th.

HAMPION BAPTIST CHURCH,

ARREN-

June special Missionary prayer meeting was held for Debbie Walker. She is our new missionary to New Guinea. In our Easter sunrise service our Primary and Junior age children re-enacted the resurrection story. We viewed the film "I Behold His Glory". We praise the Lord for the new paneling in our church auditorium and the way in which the Lord is working in the lives of our people. He has also blessed in giving us new members. The Cedarville College Sword-bearers were with us in early May.

RACE BAPTIST CHURCH,

ESTLAKE-

enjoyed seeing the film "In God We Trust". Our choir presented a patriotic cantata entitled "I Love America" by John Peterson. While Pastor Burns was away the following supplied our pulpit-Brother Clifton Gregory (City Mission), Rev. Doug Couch (former pastor and presently with BMM serving in Australia), Pastor Craig and Dr. Kenneth Luck (President of FBHM). On July 25 we will be seeing the film "Burnt Barth". We plan on holding our Vacation Bible School August 16-27.

HEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH-

We had an excellent Missionary Conference. During the conference we had a "linen show" which was most successful. These were "linens" for the missionaries. Our choir presented John Peterson's cantata "Hallelujah, What a Saviour". We had an excellent Mother/Daughter banquet.

MANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH,

ENIA-

The children of our Xenia Christian Day School held a "walkathon" May 27 and 28. Our young people had an enjoyable time visiting Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum in Detroit, Michigan. A Father/son breakfast was held June 12. Our Vacation Bible School met June 14-18.

Are Christian School Students Sheltered From The World?

by Dr. Paul A. Kienel
Executive Dir. of WACS

Are Christian school students sheltered from the world? The Christian school has been put down with this particular question more than any other. The question rests on several assumptions that are not true. The first assumption is that non-Christian teachers in public schools are better prepared to train Christian youngsters to live as Christians in a non-Christian world than Christian teachers in a Christian school. Pardon the mind bender sentence but the full reality of the situation is that non-Christian teachers in non-Christian public schools usually succeed in training Christian students to live as non-Christians in the world. Rather than adjusting to the world, they are conforming to the world.

I recently interviewed Dr. Tim LaHaye on my radio program, 'CHRISTIAN SCHOOL COMMENT'. This program is released daily on ten radio stations in the west. Dr. LaHaye is one of the nation's best known pastors and, in my view, one of the finest Christian writers in the world today. Scott Memorial Baptist Church in San Diego, pastored by Tim LaHaye, sponsors a large Christian school program including a pre-school, two elementary schools, a large Christian high school and the well-known Christian Heritage College. During my radio interview with Dr. LaHaye I asked, "How do you feel about parents who say, 'I send my children to the public school because I don't want to shelter them?'" Dr. LaHaye answered, "In the first place, I don't think they are being objective. They are already colored by the fact they will have to pay tuition if they send their youngsters to one of our Christian schools. Unfortunately they come to realize too late that sending their children to a free public school is a very expensive thing to do. The shipwrecks end up in my office. That's where I was alerted to this whole problem of the devastating effect of public education on Christian young people."

"In reality it is a ridiculous concept to expect a youngster to do battle with a non-Christian teacher who may be a master-degreed individual with years of experience. He knows how to jerk the rug out from under this kid and make a fool of him in the classroom. We don't send out missionaries this way. We train them over many years with graduate school and all the rest. Then we send them out to work with people who can't read or write. But all too many Christians will expose their kids to public school educators who may be mental perverts and skilled in the art of deception. To me it is insanity!"

A second assumption is that youngsters and young people will become strong positive individuals if they are exposed to a negative non-Christian public system of education. Someone might say, "What is so negative and non-Christian about the public schools?" If you have missed the latest news report on secular schools I suggest you read the recent January 26, 1976 issue of U.S. News and World Report. It will give you a rude awakening! The special four page report on "Terror in the Schools" begins on page 52. A few of the statements in the report are as follows:

Violence and vandalism in the nation's public schools are approaching epidemic proportions -- and nobody seems to know what to do about it.

The fact is simple but stark: Vandalism and violence have become one of the foremost problems of the nation's schools during the past five years.

- *School-related homicides increased by 18 percent.
- *Rapes and attempted rapes increased by 40 percent.
- *Assaults on students soared -- up to 85 percent.
- *Robberies went up 37 percent.
- *Assaults on teachers also made a big jump -- 77 percent.
- *Drug and alcohol offenses on school property increased by 38 percent.

In 1965, there were no security guards in Chicago schools. Today there are 700. Of the 10 million dollars spent last year as a result of crime in schools, 3 million went for security personnel. 3.2 million for equipment and programs, and 3.5 million to cover property losses.

Speaking of the public schools in Washington, D.C., Sgt. Thor E. Bevins of the Washington, D.C. Police Department said, TRUANCY. "It's one of our largest problems. We know that daytime burglaries in our district increase if we don't pick up truants. We bring in as many as 500 a week."

"Unfortunately parents come to realize too late that sending their children to a 'free' public school is a very expensive thing to do."
--Tim La Haye

"The truancy rate in the Washington school system probably averages 5 percent."

NARCOTICS. "You can go to any school and buy about anything you want in the line of narcotics. And you buy it from students."

TEACHERS. "The majority of them are assaulted daily and make no reports. They figure it's part of earning their paycheck. I've just found out that many, many more teachers retire on disability than policemen or firemen. What you need in Washington are combat teachers."

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers has warned, "The increasing intensity and frequency of violence and vandalism in the schools threatens serious disruption of the educational process."

And yet there are parents, many of them Christians, who steadfastly claim their children are being strengthened and will grow stronger in their faith as a result of their "exposure to the world" through the public school system. Like a shot of penicillin, they believe the inoculation of public school exposure will insulate their children against catching a serious infection or disease. Of course there is no Biblical basis for this

idea and the truth of the matter is that according to our church records, a majority of Christian students (approximately 70 percent) who attend public schools succumb to the "disease" and are lost to the church. In my view, parents who gamble their children on the public school market are playing Russian roulette with seven out of ten odds stacked against the most precious possessions they have in this world. I agree with Dr. LaHaye -- it's insanity!

The writers of the February 15, 1976 Digest of the Church League of America said the following concerning this problem:

"Christian parents and Bible believing pastors and churches prayerfully train their children in the faith; then, they send them to the public schools where in class after class the theory of evolution is taught as science. The student gets the idea that the Bible clashes with science, and science has tremendous prestige and a majority of devotees. As a result, Christian parents subsidize the destruction of the faith of their children."

Dr. Roy Lowrie, one of the nation's leading Christian school educators, said,

"Christians look for the Deceiver to bring false doctrine into our churches. While we guard our churches, and we should, Satan's major attack is in our public schools. As we guard our pulpits and Sunday schools, our children are enrolled in schools whose teaching is dominated by the Prince of this world. Satan's Trojan Horse is within our schools. It is time for Christian parents to enroll their children in Christian schools whose teaching is dominated by God's Spirit, for a child goes to school to learn, and should be taught the truth, not error."

Christian schools are often referred to as greenhouses or hot-houses that create a sheltered environment for children. The assumption is that a greenhouse is good for young and tender plants but somehow the semi-protected environment of a Christian school is not good for children.

The greenhouse plant-growing analogy carries some interesting parallels. Everyone knows, for example, the purpose of a greenhouse is to give young plants a head start. The ideal environment of the greenhouse protects the plants from destructive elements during their early delicate growing conditions for maximum maturity. At a given point the young plants reach a "graduation point" and they are ready for transplant. The end result is they are larger, stronger, more productive and better prepared to ward off plant diseases and stand on their own than their counterparts who had their start in the wilds.

The parallel is obvious. If young plants are better prepared to face the world having had their start in a greenhouse then young children educated in a positive Christian school environment (which exposes students to the errors of the world but does not teach them the ways of the world) will be significantly stronger than their secular counterparts.

I firmly believe the hope of America lies with the ever growing number of youngsters and young people who are being educated and trained in Bible-centered homes and schools. Such a movement is worthy of our complete support and loyalty especially during this historic bicentennial year.

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GRADUATION CONCERT, GRADUATION

In honor of the 1976 graduates was an outdoor Bicentennial Musicale on May 6. Performing were the Chorale, Ladies' Chorus, Mensingers, instrumental ensemble, soloists and small groups. All joined together at the Grand Finale to sing "God Bless America" with the compliment of fireworks.

Commencement exercises were held for 97 seniors on May 7. Dr. Ben Strohbehn, pastor of Campus Baptist Church in Ames, Iowa, was the featured speaker. His address was entitled, "Prepared" from Joshua 1:8.

The senior class included 13 graduating with a three-year Bible diploma, 55 with a 4-year Bachelor of Science degree, and 22 with a 4-year Bachelor of Arts degree, and nine with a Bachelor of Theology degree. Two graduated with a B.A. and a Th. B.

MISSIONARY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Faith students again gave with great liberality to show their support of missions with an offering of \$2,287 on April 9, the largest student offering in the history of the school. The offering was the last in a series of offerings to meet the goal of \$2,500 to help students participating in the Missionary Apprenticeship Program. All that was needed to reach the goal was \$866. The fund stood at \$3,931 before checks were distributed to the students.

A total of 25 students are serving on two to six-week programs under the four approved mission boards throughout the summer.

Students are participating in home missions and foreign missions from Utah and Arizona, to Mexico, Canada and as far away as Israel. The checks to the students ranged from \$100 to \$250.00.

SPORTS

Faith took first in golf and second in tennis in the MCCC tournament in Kansas City on April 23. For the first time Faith fielded a girls tennis team. They were able to place third in the tournament.

DEBT FREE PROGRAM

The Lord has graciously provided just over half of the money needed to erase the \$56,383.75 indebtedness of the Administration Building in 1976. An Iowa church has generously designated a \$25,000 check for this project. With this response so far, the College personnel are praying that the Lord will continue to touch hearts to erase this indebtedness early in the year.

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Maranatha Christian School: Quiet Pioneer

Why would a school routinely turn down Government Funds to which it is entitled? How does the same school manage to escape the Discipline Problems and Permissiveness which plague schools all over the Nation? Why do teens like the school well enough to leave their community environment for it during their important high school years? And why do the school's students consistently show up well above the norms on Standardized Tests?

by Frances Jacobs

Since its establishment in the northwest area in September of 1969, Maranatha Christian School, 4663 Trabue Rd., has been setting new patterns in education and creating a model which others have already followed. Some have called the little school a "quiet pioneer."

And there are many who believe that such "pioneers" are sorely needed--to bring education back into the control of the community and parents. Voter reactions to school related tax issues throughout the nation in recent years have indicated a growing disillusionment with public education and a powerlessness to do anything about it -- except vote "no" at the polls.

Not only is there the general feeling that schools are incorporating too many frills into their programs and not getting the stretch they should from the school dollar, but there is the even deeper and more gnawing concern that something vital is being left out of public education.

An increasing number of parents feel that it is getting the cart before the horse to set up curriculum which meets every intellectual and physical need of students but blanks out their spiritual needs -- and all mention of God -- in their daily school hours from the time they enter kindergarten until they graduate from high school as adults.

And although many parents see the problem, few know what to do about it. Perhaps it is for that reason that Maranatha has been watched so closely, even by those who have no children there. Maranatha was the first Christian school to be chartered in central Ohio where there are now four more.

A "Total" School

Some of Maranatha's admirers have called it a public school plus -- because it offers everything a public school does plus spiritual training.

But it might more accurately be called a "total" school, because it is not merely a public school with Bible tacked on. Christian principles form the warp and woof of daily life at Maranatha which is staffed with Christian teachers and "deliberately designed to integrate education with the Word of God." Thus Maranatha's is a program of total integrated education.

How It All Started

Maranatha Christian School, the idea behind it and the direction it has taken, cannot be understood without knowing something of Maranatha Baptist Church and its pastor Dr. William A. Brock. Both the church and the pastor are known to thousands in the northwest area through the back page of the Northwest News, which has been used since 1967 as part of the outreach into the community. The page, written, laid out and proofed by Dr. Brock himself, provides a daily inspiration and weekly sermon eagerly looked forward to by countless residents of the area.

Dr. Brock, who was formerly pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, has been pastor of Maranatha since it was founded as an independent Baptist Church in 1965. The name Maranatha is a Bible name found in I Cor. 16:22 and meaning "Our Lord Cometh." In a beautifully written booklet entitled "The Miracle of Maranatha" Dr. Brock has set forth the history of the church's first 10 years, which include also the beginnings of Maranatha Christian School.

The school for young people is only part of the church's service in the field of Christian education. A well-rounded adult program of Bible Classes and seminars has

also been established at the Church. Apart from his duties as pastor, Dr. Brock has spent 20 years in Christian college education and has always had a special interest in total Christian education.

How The School Is Run

Although the school has been an outgrowth of thought, faith and action by the Church membership and could not function without the facilities and the financial support of the church, Dr. Brock points out that the church "does not run the school."

It is operated by a 12-member board of education, chosen partly on a self-perpetuating basis and partly by the vote of the Church membership. Dr. Brock is chairman of the board and superintendent of the school.

Actual day to day running of the school is under the direction of Principal David Rauch and Assistant Principal Tim Bosworth, who oversee and coordinate activities of the 19 member staff.

Current student enrollment is 325 in grades K-11. The school started its first year with grades K-5 and a total enrollment of 62. A grade was added each year and in the 1972-73 school year the elementary program was complete and the school was chartered by the State Board of Education in that same year. Next year grade 12 will be added to complete the high school program.

The educational wing currently in use includes 18 teaching rooms and an office and health facility. Second floor rooms are used by the high school and include a well-equipped chemistry lab.

In addition to the basic subjects, the high school curriculum includes business, music, beginning drama, home economics, industrial arts, etc. as well as a well-rounded physical education and sports program.

Although facilities are adequate for present enrollments, plans call for construction of another building to be used by the high school, which would allow expansion of the elementary school to two classes per grade in the present facility. As it stands now, many of the classes fill to capacity by mid summer and must be closed to further enrollment.

Maranatha's school day begins at 8:35 and ends at 3:05 for all grades, including kindergarten, which has a program enriched with phonics and basic math concepts. All students bring their lunch.

Maranatha's school calendar is similar to the county calendar except that spring vacation is shorter and its students therefore get out a few days earlier in the summer.

Who Attends?

Enrollment in Maranatha is open to all students not just those associated with Maranatha Baptist Church, and students of many denominations from all over the

county may be found attending. The school maintains its own fleet of busses to transport them.

One good busload comes from the northwest area. Others come from west Columbus, Worthington, Pataskala, Gahanna and various other parts of the county. School officials are pleased however, that no student spends more than a 60 minute ride on the bus -- much less than many students spend riding the bus right in their own district.

Because of the transportation problem, after school social events and practice sessions are kept to a minimum -- which must please those parents who cherish an uncluttered family evening.

Students do, however, enjoy many social activities as part of their school day and bus transportation is furnished to after school sports events, the principal and assistant principal point out.

In spite of the fact that high schoolers must leave their community environment to come to Maranatha, the school has had no problem keeping its high school classes filled to capacity. A bond and unity of spirit seems to develop among the students who attend Maranatha, Mr. Rauch explains, and they enjoy running around with each other.

An excerpt from a letter received in the school mail last week from the parent of a high schooler who is not a member of Maranatha church is very revealing of the way teens come to feel about the school: "This year has been our first experience with Maranatha, and it took some tall selling to get our son to agree to leave the Hilliard schools and transfer there. Now, it would take an even taller selling job to get him to transfer out. I often think he would rather leave home than leave Maranatha. . ."

"We Have Rules"

The absence of discipline problems at Maranatha has been a source of amazement to many. Dr. Brock has a ready answer. "We don't have discipline problems," he points out, "because we have rules."

The rules are spelled out and guidelines for conduct at school clearly stated and students abide by them. And there is a dress code. For girls it bans the wearing of slacks or pantsuits at school and boys may not wear jeans or dungarees.

Fears that such conservative rules of conduct would stifle or inhibit students would seem unfound-

ed to anyone who casually happened in at the school on an ordinary day. Not only are the relaxed and contented kindergarteners happily engrossed with their blocks, trains, dolls and the like to be found in their homey, well-equipped room, but older students also, whether in the chapel, music room, classroom, chemistry lab or on the ballfield show a natural ease of expression and enjoyment of their activities.

Maranatha feeling is that: "Discipline is a part of training and students are expected to respect sincere, meaningful discipline." And the qualities of "personal initiative, honesty, courage and loyalty" are cultivated.

Takes No Government Aid

As word has gotten around that Maranatha accepts none of the government aid to which, as a chartered school, it is entitled, including funding for transportation, lunch programs, visiting teachers and the like, considerable curiosity has been expressed about the pioneering little school.

Most know that a belief in "the foundational principles of our great nation," is basic to the Maranatha philosophy and that patriotism is another of the qualities cultivated in students, so they wonder at the stance on government funding programs.

Again, Dr. Brock has a ready answer: "We believe in the separation of church and state. We do not believe you can accept help without accepting advice."

And although he points out that he is not against public education, it is his firm belief that "Education belongs to the parent and not to the state."

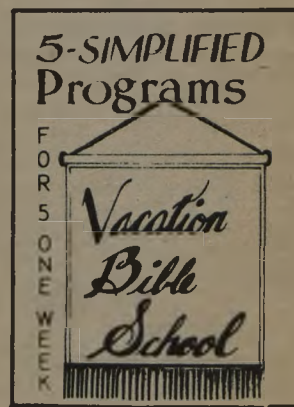
How then are student costs borne at Maranatha? Tuition, of course, takes care of a part of it, but it is pointed out that the school could not operate on tuition alone. Outside gifts and the financial support of the church are also important.

Maranatha tuition is considered "reasonable comparing it to other purchases and needs of the family," Dr. Brock says, but most families must make some sacrifice to keep their children in school there, he points out.

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

What's Good About America?

What's good about America, a fellow snarled one day. I stood there in astonishment, I didn't know what to say. The words he spoke, they startled me - they're with me even yet. We take so much for granted and at times we may forget. It's true that when our economy slacks we may turn up our noses, And at the time he said it, things were not coming up roses. After months and months of "Watergate" and our President's resignation, Perhaps this man had a right to speak up in indignation.

What's good about America, that phrase stuck in my mind. And I knew if I'd search my heart the answer I would find. And so to you, my friends, who ask what's good about our nation, It's to you and others like you that I make this affirmation. Compare America to any other nation in the world And then stand even taller when Old Glory is unfurled. Thank God for all the blessing He saw fit to bestow. For our mountains, rivers, fertile lands where things can grow, For the right to worship God in any way you see fit. For the spirit of a nation never losing faith or grit, For the right to live from day to day without fear of oppression, For basic civil rights and laws, freedom of expression. For democracy, free enterprise and freedom of the press For the right to vote on issues to make heard your "no" or "yes" To live in peace while other nations are having senseless wars And feel a sense of security within our hallowed shores. And there in New York harbor for all the world to see Stands the emblem of America, "The Statue of Liberty" The scales of justice in her hand this gracious lady holds So American or immigrant within her arms enfolds. A blindfold covers both her eyes, she welcomes all as brother And to those blind unseeing eyes one appears just like the other. Though one be black or white or rich or poor or he or she When that lady looks down, they're all the same - real equality. I speak, of course, of justice, freedom and democracy Now look around America and see just what you have got And I think you'll all agree that we've got a mighty lot. And if some one else ever asks what's good about our nation, Just step right up and shock them with this civic clarification. Tell them how great America is and I think that I would say Yes, brother, get down upon your knees and THANK GOD FOR THE USA. Chaplain Eula H. Brink

Yes, like Paul said to Timothy, I want to Thank God for the American heritage, especially the Christian heritage I received from my godly pioneer grandparents and my spiritual mother---"I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." II Timothy 1:5.

It Was A Lovely Dinner!

The pastors of the Bethany Fellowship recently treated their wives to a most unusual and delightful evening. To honor their wives for Mother's Day, they planned, prepared, cooked, and served a delicious full-course dinner. The men planned the menu, bought the food, arranged the tables, washed the dishes and provided all that was needed for a wonderful time of fellowship and blessing. The dinner was held at the Poland Village Baptist Church, Poland, Ohio. Pastor Cal Steiner was the Host Pastor.

The pastors' wives realized anew and afresh the wonderful privilege we share as women because of the love of the Lord Jesus. It is because of Him that our husbands would seek to honor us in this way. The meal was prepared and served with such loving hands and willing hearts that it will be long remembered by each woman who was present. Thank you men... for a most thoughtful gift.

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West Moriah Spring Rally

The Bible Baptist Church of Newark, Ohio, Rev. Frank Odor, Pastor, hosted the Spring Rally of the West Moriah Women's Missionary Fellowship of central Ohio at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18. Their theme was "Proclaim Liberty".

Mrs. Thomas Mills, missionary to the Central African Republic under Baptist Mid-Missions, was the guest speaker. A panel of pastor's wives from recently organized Baptist churches within the West Moriah Association discussed the subject - "Starting New Churches". Mrs. Gene Bryant, ministering with her husband in Judeo-Christian relations in the Columbus area, gave the opening devotional message followed by a slide and tape presentation - "One Nation Under God". A check for the missionary project, a freezer for Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Baxter, missionary-pastor and wife at Fallsburg, was presented. There was also an election of officers. Special music was presented by "The Rainbow Four" of the host church and Mrs. Gene Greene of the Clintonville Baptist Church, Columbus. Mrs. David Elmore of the Calvary Baptist Church, Coshocton, led the singing and Mrs. Juanita Frye of the Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, was the guest pianist.

Mrs. Wills, whose husband was formerly a building contractor in the greater Cleveland area and now serves as a missionary builder in Africa told of her role as a mis-

Missionary Prayer-Line

In our MAY issue, we ran an article under the heading - "An Excellent Idea". This "idea" was first presented by Mrs. Milton Barkley of the New Harmony Baptist Church, Caldwell, Ohio at the OARBC Women's Missionary Fellowship SPRING RALLY held at Willowick, Ohio last April.

We feel the "idea" is such a good one that we should present it again in THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST. As of this writing, we have been informed that 39 ladies have signed up for this "Missionary Prayer-Line."

The article, as it appeared in our May issue, is as follows. . .

An Excellent Idea

Due to a sentence written by Don Moffat, Editor of our O.I.B., in an article concerning Miss Ruth Nephew's accident ("We wish we could get news like this sooner.") the ladies of Ohio are forming a "prayer line". The five approved mission agencies of our GARBC will be contacted and asked to inform one lady in Ohio of any prayer request of a "critical nature". This lady in turn will phone another lady from another nearby church who in turn will phone someone else. They will also call the pastor of their church and give him the prayer request so that more people can take the need to the Lord.

If one lady from each of at least 50 churches would take the responsibility to make and pay for one phone call to the nearest possible church, that would be a lot of "prayer power" in a time of need.

If any ladies who are reading this would be interested, please send your name, address and phone number (include your area code) and the name of your church to:

Mrs. Milton E. Barkley
718 West Street
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who is coordinating this prayer request.

We will try to give a record of answers to these prayers (in the O.I.B.) from time to time.

A Word Of Thanks

To the ladies of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of our O.A.R.B.C.:

We wish to say a heartfelt "thank you" for the groceries we received at the Spring Rally held in the First Baptist Church of Willowick, Ohio. Thank you, ladies, for giving out of the depths of your hearts. God's richest blessing be upon you for your kindness.

...Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Baxter
F.B.H.M. Missionaries
Fallsburg, Ohio

sionary wife and mother and teacher of African women.

Panel members included Mrs. George Myers, Cherry Creek Baptist Church, Columbus; Mrs. Dain Canterbury, Walnut Creek Baptist Church, Baltimore; Mrs. Thomas Baxter, Fallsburg Baptist Church, Fallsburg; Mrs. Mark Chandler, Calvary Baptist Church, Delaware; Mrs. Gus Guthrie, Rocky Fork Baptist Church, Gahanna; and Mrs. Gary Hohman, Faith Baptist Church, Commercial Point. Mrs. Frank Odor, Bible Baptist Church, Newark, President, was the moderator.

Simultaneous with the women's meeting, pastors of the fellowship sat on a Recognition Council to study the constitution of the new Calvary Baptist Church of Delaware and considered its qualifications for becoming a duly recognized Baptist Church.

A covered dish dinner was enjoyed by all at noon.

...Respectfully submitted
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Grand Rapids College And Seminary News

HONORS PROGRAM, '76

An overflow crowd attended the eleventh annual Honors Breakfast held in the Student Center on Friday morning, May 7. Highlighting the annual awards breakfast was the presentation of the Campus Community Award which goes to the individual who contributed the most to the leadership and unity of the student body. This year's recipient was Esther Brace, a junior from Cedar Springs. Mr. F. Edward Lewis, graduating senior from Troy, Ohio, received recognition of faithful service to the church and community by accepting the R. T. Ketcham award in Christian Service.

The new student body president for 1976-77, Nathan Monell, was sworn into office by outgoing president Grady Watson. Many awards were presented to athletes, student government officials, and the academically gifted. Recognition was given to top athletes, student government officials, and the academically gifted. Recognition was given to top athletes Scot McKnight for scoring records in basketball, and Steve Oswald, for record-breaking marks in cross-country. Academic awards were highlighted by recognition of Maurice Stoller as a new member of the Delta Epsilon Chi honorary society of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, and the divisional awards as follows: The division of Bible, Religion and Ministries to Mike Cochrane; the division of Humanities, Arts and Communication to Ron Sheveland; and the division of Science, Social Science and Education to Mrs. Pam Kinney. Professor Joe Crawford was given honorary membership into the Delta Epsilon Chi honorary society of the A.A.B.C.

GRAND RAPIDS COMMENCEMENT

GRAND RAPIDS BAPTIST COLLEGE & SEMINARY announces that the 1976 Commencement was a record-breaking event on many accounts. It was the first time there were over 100 graduates (138 total), and it was the first time the B.A. degree was granted. The Multi-Purpose building was filled to capacity with hundreds of family and friends there to share the happy occasion. The Chorale and Wind Ensemble provided the music for the evening, with the Wind Ensemble playing the "Solemn March" processional, written by our own Dr. Gaylord Taylor of the Music Department. The commencement address, "Foundation Stones of Liberty," was given by Dr. Robert L. Gilbert of Baptist Mid-Missions.

Our 116 college graduates basically represented two categories -- those who received a Bachelor's degree and those receiving the secretarial diploma. There were 13 who graduated in the secretarial program and of the 104 Bachelor's degrees which were granted, 91 were Bachelor of Arts degrees, 1 was a Bachelor of Music degree, and 12 students graduated with the Bachelor of Religious Education degree (one student received both the secretarial diploma and the B.A. degree.) In the seminary division 10 men received the Master of Divinity degree and 12 graduated with the Master of Religious Education degree.

Special awards in the seminary division were granted to John Davies and Paul Joles, who received the Presidents' Awards, and to Thomas Siefert, who received the Lehman Strauss Award. Twenty-five students received special honors in the college division.

Ordained To The Ministry



Rev. and Mrs. Daniel L. Mead

A council of Baptist pastors, laymen and other interested guests convened at 1:30 p.m., Monday,

April 19 to consider and advise concerning the expediency of publicly setting apart to the work of the ministry our brother Daniel L. Mead.

After a careful examination of the candidate, the council brought the following recommendation to the First Baptist Church of Elyria, Ohio:

"This Council recommends to the First Baptist Church to proceed with the ordination of Mr. Daniel L. Mead."

Rev. Robert L. Barrett of the Faith Baptist Church in Amherst, Ohio served as moderator of this examining council and Rev. John M. Rathbun as its clerk.

Rev. Daniel L. Mead was subsequently ordained to the ministry on Sunday afternoon, April 25th at the First Baptist Church in Elyria, Ohio where he serves as Assistant Pastor.

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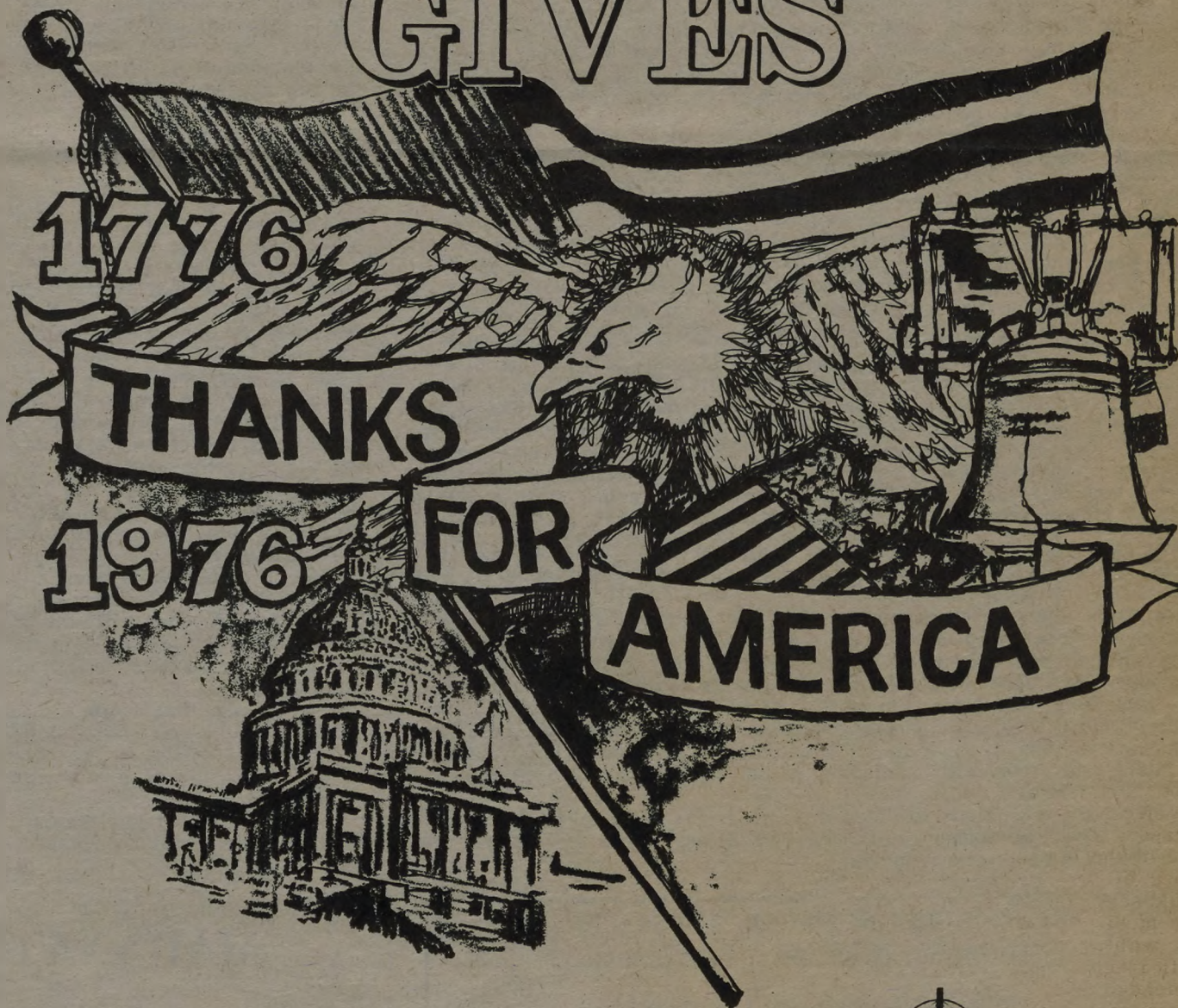
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How thankful we should be as separatist Baptists that there do exist these mission agencies we can wholeheartedly support with our finances and to which we can direct our Baptist young people for missionary service.

From A.B.W.E. we hear of the challenge in SPAIN. 1976 is a year of America's Bicentennial celebrations of our God-given freedoms. The liberty to fully proclaim Christ makes the 200 years of our history unique among many nations. In contrast, 1976 is a year of Bimillennial celebrations in Zaragoza, Spain. The 2000 years of history, begun by legions of Augustus Caesar, are devoid of both true gospel light and the liberty to proclaim that gospel openly and freely.

1976 is a year of promise of new freedoms in Spain. NOW the message of Christ's saving power needs to be heard. A.B.W.E.'s missionaries in Spain believe God has timed their placement in Spain for this purpose. The A.B.W.E. Spain Field Council, after urgent prayer, thought and investigation, has decided to establish a special project: the installation of a chapel in Zaragoza. Under Spanish law, this would give them freedom to hold worship services, issue public and written invitations, hold evangelistic campaigns, and gain authority to pass out literature publicly. They desire to secure a building and use it legally for a Chapel/Evangelistic Center. The prayers of the Lord's people are requested that the right location be secured and the financial needs met for this important project.

In the opening remarks of this article our first step around the world took us to Hawaii where Baptist Mid-Missions is beginning to expand its work at a rapid pace. It is interesting to know that Hawaii is the "utmost part" in distance from Israel. Hawaii is also known as the "Crossroads of the Pacific" because of its mixture of people including orientals, caucasians, polynesians, and blacks. The motto of the state, "The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness," is a challenge in itself since so few know of the righteousness of Christ.

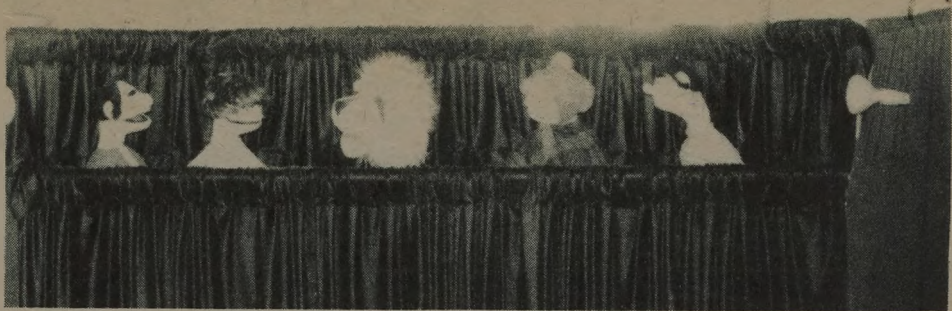
The ministry of Baptist Mid-Missions in this beautiful state is one of church planting. In relation to this primary goal are ministries among the military as well as an outreach by radio. B.M.M.'s first short-term missionaries to Hawaii have arrived and are doing a tremendous job. They are Rev. and Mrs. Roy Botruff, retired Baptist pastor from Michigan and now pastor of the Aloha Baptist Church in Honokaa on the big island of Hawaii. In all, there are three works on the island of Hawaii and two on the island of Oahu, with many opportunities to start new ones.

Buddhism is the religion of an estimated 46.5% of the people. Roman Catholicism has real strength among the caucasian and Filipino people. Many oriental sects are prevalent, as well as Mormonism, Christian Science, Jehovah's Witnesses, liberal Protestantism, Pentecostalism, etc. The Mormons are very prominent in Hawaii with a Brigham Young University branch as well as a temple located there. (The Mormons believe that the Hawaiians and the inhabitants from the Polynesian Islands are of the ten lost tribes of Israel.) Yes, Hawaii is a land where sound Bible-believing Baptist missionaries are desperately needed.

The Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions tells of the thrilling prospect of a new area ministry among the Chinese people in Chinatown, New York City. Newly ordained missionary, Mike Mall, has been led to begin this work. Another interesting piece of news from F.B.H.M. is regarding the two new presentations from their Audio-Visual Department. One is on their ministry of the Sioux Indians and the other on the ministry to the Navajos. Rev. David C. Dunkin, F.B.H.M.'s Promotional Technician, tells me that their recent ads in the BAPTIST BULLETIN and the OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST concerning a 15-minute Bicentennial Slide/Tape presentation has precipitated a great number of inquiries. The slides combine patriotism with a missionary zeal for planting sound, new churches in America.

May the Lord continue to bless the efforts of these sister Baptist missions. Their combined ministries do radiate the love of Christ from Jerusalem to the uttermost parts.

Puppet Ministry



The Norton Baptist Church has recently begun a puppet ministry to be used in their Children's Church, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and possibly in area Rest Homes. The stage was constructed by two of our trustees, David Deeds and Lysle Keith. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bixler are supervising this ministry and the church already has several adults and Senior Hi youth active in weekly practices. The Ladies Missionary Society helped with the purchasing of the red velvet drapes. The above picture shows the performance of "Daniel in the Lion's Den" during one of the practice sessions.

Camping Really Pays!

Our camps are well into their summer schedules. The young people have a great time fellowshiping with other young folk, engaging in all kinds of sports, looking into the Word of God together. This is going to prove to be another fruitful summer!

Last year "Uncle Jack" Willets, Camp Director at Camp Patmos, received the following letters. Let the young people speak for themselves and you will soon see that our camps really are effective in the lives of our young folk.

One lad writes - "We got our registration stuff for camp this year and I just had to write. . . I was just thinking about all the fun we had, and everything. . . that's where my heart is!"

From a Senior boy about two of his teammates - "So somehow I got the courage and witnessed to them for about an hour. And one of them accepted Christ. It really thrilled me that the Lord had used me in this way."

How about this from a Senior girl, sound familiar? - "It's hard at school to resist the temptation of smoking, and swearing, and so on. But I keep reading the Bible and asking God to take my hand and lead me. He does it every time."

Another Senior girl writes - "The Lord has been working in my life and has opened a couple of doors. I'm helping with the 1st and 2nd graders in church, and also playing the piano for another group of 2nd graders. I praise the Lord that I am helping in this area."

Here are some short testimonies - all of them good!

-- "I'm looking forward to a great summer - the best yet."

-- "I am praying daily for this coming summer and the effective work at camp so the Lord can use me greatly."

-- "It looks like another great summer is in store for camp."

-- "This will be my last year as a camper, and I don't want to miss it."

-- "After looking at the camp schedule I can't help but get excited."

Canton Area Meet

The Canton Area W.M.U. met at the lovely new facilities of the Canal Fulton Baptist Church. These lovely ladies of this young church did a splendid job of entertaining. The church was beautifully decorated to carry out the theme - "To the Ends of the Earth". Mrs. Joyce Yost presided with a trio of Canal Fulton ladies (Mrs. Marcia Collend, Mrs. Linda Slabach and Mrs. Carol Crites) furnishing the music. Mrs. Fanny Rohloff, pastor's wife, of the Perry Baptist Church brought very timely devotions - "The Christian Woman and Women's Lib". Miss Patsy King gave an interesting trip to Central African Republic. . . spending a day in that land with the missionary. She used a tape recorder so that we were even able to hear the "sounds" of Africa both at night and during the day.

The ladies had as their goal - to purchase chairs. They ran a bit short of what they had hoped to receive. Their new project is "Quarters for a Bible College building in Victoria, Australia." They hope to raise \$900 which will help toward the down payment for the needed college building.

There were 88 women and 10 children present for this meeting. Newly elected officers are: President, Mrs. Vi Wolff of the Millersburg Baptist Church; Vice President, Mrs. Sara Hostetler of the Whipple Avenue Baptist Church; Secretary, Mrs. Carol Moosey of the Whipple Avenue Baptist Church and Treasurer, Mrs. Edna Muckley of the Grace Baptist Church.

Again and again young people have said - "I'm looking forward to camp". . . and they really are!

"Uncle Jack" writes - "Well gang, now you've gone and got me all excited again. There are still some openings if you haven't registered for camp yet. SEE YOU AT CAMP THIS SUMMER!!" CAMPING REALLY PAYS!!!

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An Unusual Ministry



Jeannie Warring and "Tippy"

In the ever growing work of Baptist Mid-Missions, one of the most unusual ministries is the Braille ministry. This vital outreach of taking the gospel to the physically and spiritually blind is being pioneered by Miss Jeannie Warring, a dedicated young lady who with her dog Tippy is ready to tackle the job that the Lord has for her.

Jeannie accepted Christ as her Savior at age eighteen, shortly before entering her freshman year of college. Even though there was little spiritual growth that first year of school, she was conscious of the Lord's direction in her life as she was led to transfer to a Christian liberal-arts college. Jeannie graduated in 1972 with a BA degree.

Just a year later she felt a definite call to full-time Christian service and it soon became evident to her the many possibilities that would be hers in a ministry to the physically blind. One of the first burdens to be laid upon her heart was that for children at residential schools for the blind. These are state-supported boarding schools attended by children who are blind from kindergarten through senior high.

In September 1973, Jeannie had her first introduction to Baptist Mid-Missions. Realizing the tremendous task before her, she knew that she needed further training and, therefore, enrolled for a year of special studies at Piedmont Bible College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. That was a precious year filled with blessings for Jeannie as she made many new friends among those who were also in training for the Lord's work.

The Lord continued to work in Jeannie's heart concerning the many possibilities of her ministry. The burden to establish a Braille literature ministry came into focus. This would allow her to develop a letter fellowship with the blind. She gets excited when she thinks of the many letters that she could write encouraging, strengthening, and challenging the Lord's people from the Word of God. Such a wide correspondence would also provide her with contacts with the unsaved in which she could tell them, through Braille, of the glorious news of the gospel of Christ.

Another area in which she feels the Lord could use her is teaching Bible classes to the physically blind. The potentials of such a ministry are many and Jeannie is anxiously awaiting the time when she can be involved on a full-time basis. She says, "I desire to see blind people begin to attend and to become involved in local Baptist churches. This is the aim of the ministry: to see them become a witness both to those who are blind as well as to those who are sighted."

Jeannie is open for deputation meetings. If you would like to learn more of her ministry, you may contact her at the following address: 806 Howard Road, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004, Telephone (216) 998-4357.

The Ladies Enjoyed This

The ladies of the Midbrook Baptist Church had their yearly Mother/Daughter banquet on Friday, May 7. Guest speaker for this occasion was Mrs. Ruth Stanton, missionary to the west side of Cleveland. In her message she gave many precious memories of her own dear mother.

The theme for this special time was - "God's Promises". Favors were made into a "promise box" and these were given to each lady and girl present. There were over 60 in attendance. Hearts were blessed through Mrs. Stanton's message.

It proved to be a lovely evening. There was an unusual style show. Special music included a solo - "Tell Mother I'll Be There" and a duet - "Precious Memories".

These ladies have been busy filling their missionary cupboard. They delight in giving these things to the missionaries that visit their church.

Pity The Poor Missionary Kid (M.K.)

It seems to be a natural inclination by most of us to feel sorry for the children of missionaries who have been with their parents serving in various foreign countries. But consider the positive aspects of this somewhat unique living situation, many which are real advantages in the development of the total child.

1. They get to see their parents 'in action' serving the Lord, often getting opportunities at an early age to assist them in telling others the Good News.
2. They get to experience first hand the life of Faith in trusting the Lord for supplies, health and safety, and the salvation of people that they come to know well in the smaller more intimate congregations that the missionary often is involved in.
3. They get to travel widely, seeing in real life what their U.S. counterparts most often only see on TV or in books.
4. They get to experience directly a different culture with its peculiar customs, thought patterns, food, mannerisms, etc.
5. They usually learn the local language which helps develop some confidence in speaking, communication, and poise.
6. They miss many of the 'fixations' of the U.S. culture which range from the harmful to the ones which blunt the mind.
7. Even on furlough they have the advantage of meeting many new people as they travel to supporting churches, and of hearing how people have been praying for them and the family for many years.

BUT with all of these positive aspects of being a "M.K.", let us not forget them in prayer as there are negative aspects in their lives, and they, with their parents, need our constant and specific intercessory prayers. Also, as they return occasionally to the U.S., let us be reminded that their experiences in life sometimes develop characteristics which are strange to us, so that a period of readjustment is necessary before they are back to 'normal' within our U.S.A. frame of culture.

Awana Holds Teen Leaders Seminar

Shipmates of the Awana Youth Association sponsored a profitable Teen Leadership Seminar at the Fellowship Baptist Church, Lorain, Ohio on May 22nd. Pastors and youth leaders of all area Bible-believing churches, regardless of their present youth programs, were urged to attend. The seminar featured an evaluation of the total church program in reaching teens. Topics included - "Is There Not a Cause for Teen Evangelism?" - "A Balanced Teen Program" and "Counseling Troubled Teens". Also scheduled was a time of idea sharing from the various churches represented. Rev. Gale F. Kuns, National Shipmate Director, Rolling Meadows, Illinois conducted this seminar. He has had more than 12 years experience in local churches as a youth pastor.

There was no registration charge for the day. A noon meal was provided by AWANA and the Fellowship Baptist Church.

The AWANA YOUTH ASSOCIATION has expanded its ministry from third to eighth grades to include the 9th through 12th grades by adding an in depth Bible study program for high schoolers. Shipmates, especially geared for high school young people, has an in-depth study program which covers all major Bible doctrines, systematic Bible-reading plan, recommended Christian books for reading, and opportunities for Christian service through the local church.

The goal of the church today should not be simply to have large socials and "throw" big parties.

We no longer can think of 5 or 10 young people in a youth group, but we must begin to think of 40 and 50 and 100's of teens in our local churches. Today the church can no longer pass off the obligation of reaching souls with the gospel of grace to someone else. We cannot depend on one evangelistic meeting a year, but we must have daily and weekly evangelistic outreaches. The Shipmate Club of the AWANA YOUTH ASSOCIATION provides the opportunity for an outreach ministry of teen evangelism through the local church.

The church today cannot afford to neglect their Christian youth and calmly pass them by as "immature teens". We must accept the responsibility of teaching and training them to be Christian leaders as is commanded in II Timothy 2:2. We oftentimes pass over this fertile field that is "under our noses" to get caught up in many other activities. We must consider the lives of the "precious gems" that are looking for God's will in their lives and seeking to serve Him. Pastors and youth directors must direct youth activities in a meaningful way so that Christian teens learn to be greater witnesses for Christ. Christian youth leaders should take advantage of every opportunity given in Teen Leaders' Seminars in order that they might "pep-up" their church teen ministries.

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Cedarville College News

CEDAR DAY '76



Setting up Science Exhibit

"Two Centuries of Progress - Cedar Day '76" was held May 1st on the Cedarville College campus. As prospective students, church youth groups, alumni, and friends of the school joined the current students on the campus, there was an atmosphere of fun and fellowship.

Many activities were planned for the energetic including a bicycle marathon, road rally, obstacle course, relay races, raft and canoe races, and monitor battle.

Everyone enjoyed the picnic lunch, academic and organizational displays, dorm open house, Cedar Ceremony, and concert performed by the Cedarville College Concert Choir.

A new event was added to the Cedar Day calendar this year. Chi Theta Pi, an organization for Cedarville College students majoring in the pre-health professions, sponsored a Science Fair for students of Christian high schools. They plan to make this an annual event.



A Day of Fun!

THE NEW CHAPEL

On July 1, 1975, ground was broken for the new chapel at Cedarville College. Since that time, many people have worked and sacrificed to make the dream of a new chapel a reality.

Nearly 10 months later, on Wednesday, May 26, 1976, the first service was held in the completed chapel! The entire college family was present for this special time of praise and thanksgiving. Area pastors and interested friends of the school were also present for the memorable event.

Dr. Jeremiah brought the message and representatives from the trustees, administration and Student Body Project also spoke. Special music was provided by the Abundant Life Singers.

For the first time in the history of Cedarville College there was enough room in the chapel for all who wanted to attend. In considering what God has done for us we say with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done GREAT THINGS for us, whereof we are glad."

SWORDBEARERS BUSY THROUGHOUT SUMMER

The Swordbearers from Cedarville College are ministering in churches throughout the Midwest and West this summer. The team's itinerary includes visits to Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.

The purpose of the eleven-member team of students is to aid the local church in its evangelistic outreach by working with and encouraging young people and their families.

One of the most popular activities held by the swordbearers for young people is a series of seminars discussing questions and problems often experienced by that age group. Seminars include: The Dating Game and How to Play It, Born Free--But Not Wild, and Is God For Real?

Ventriloquism, chalk talks, and programs for children using puppets are also a part of the swordbearers' total ministry. Music and testimonies are another highlight of their ministry.

The team also aids the local church by canvassing, going on visitation with church members, teaching Sunday School classes, preaching, and assisting with youth services and fun times.

ALL-SCHOOL BANQUET

An all-school banquet, "The Continental Express," was held Friday, April 9th at Cedarville College sponsored by Gamma Chi, a campus women's organization. The banquet offered a tour of the country via food, songs and scenery from all over the country. The tour included New England, Hawaii and the Old West.

The buffet dinner featured food from different parts of the country. Dinner music was provided on the piano by Jeanne Pippin, a sophomore music major.

After dinner, entertainment was provided by college personnel and featured skits, instrumental music and a visit from the Old West -- the famous "circuit ridin' preacher."

The school gymnasium was transformed into an American panorama. Backdrops, portraying various parts of the country, covered the walls and flags from the fifty states hung from the ceiling.

In addition to students, faculty, and staff, several school trustees also attended the banquet.

WALK-A-THON

Blistered feet, sunburn, fatigue, and a great sense of accomplishment were the results of the Cedarville College Student Body Project Walk-A-Thon held April 28, 1976. The goal of raising \$40,000 to purchase pews for the new chapel was more than met by the \$45,000 that has been recorded so far.

Over 500 Cedarville College students, faculty and administration made the 15 mile walk from Cedarville to Springfield, Ohio. They reported being given money along the way and having the opportunity to witness to several observers. Channel 7 TV news showed a news-clip of the Walk that night.

The day of the Walk-A-Thon was clear and cool. As the group started their hike from the new chapel, they were led by students carrying the school banner. Its white letters on a blue background declared, "Cedarville College, For the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ." The banner was followed by the United States flag and the Christian flag. Preceding the hundreds of participants as they walked along the berm of the road was the Alpha Chi Rescue Squad Red Cross van.

Students were able to see the fruits of their labors when the pews were delivered several weeks after

Two Colleges

Editor's Note: This editorial was written by a liberal writer. It first appeared in the Yellow Springs News, Wed., April 14, 1976. Yellow Springs, Ohio is the home of Antioch College.

A compilation of college costs at various area schools in Sunday's Dayton Daily News yields an interesting contrast. Antioch weighs in near the top at \$4,480 a year; nearby Cedarville hits rock bottom at \$3,150.

There are some other interesting contrasts, too.

Antioch's enrollment has been dropping; Cedarville's has been rising.

Antioch's academic standards have been going down, while Cedarville's have been going up. Last year Cedarville was accredited by the North Central Association. (Antioch's standards are probably still the higher of the two.)

At Antioch they maintain an office in Washington to seek out federal grants. At Cedarville they do not seek or accept federal grants.

At Antioch they aim to help the poor. They charge \$4,480 a year. At Cedarville they are more interested in saving souls. They charge \$3,150 a year.

At Antioch everything is under lock and key, yet robbery remains a serious problem; assault and rape are so frequent that the col-

lege schedules seminars in how to cope. At Cedarville folks trust one another and treat one another with respect; assault and rape are unheard-of.

The fundamentalist Baptists at Cedarville have a simple explanation for their success. Follow God's will and things come out right.

For a scientific rationalist, that explanation is not very helpful. Yet one can see some differences in behavior, as well as in theology.

At Cedarville the primary currency is commitment. Teachers, administrators, alumni, members of the church work harder, expect less for themselves, give more to others because they share a common commitment.

At Antioch there may be no central motivating force. For quite a few people, however, the top candidate seems to be money. If you doubt this, listen to the screams when anyone is asked to accept less or give more.

Of course there are some things about Cedarville's Baptist fundamentalism that most of us would not want to emulate. The acceptance of anything as absolute, final authority seems to contradict a spirit of scientific inquiry. But before we enlightened liberals laugh too hard at the Bible-quoters, we might pause to consider. Their way is working. Is ours?

.....KC

A Poem Of Dedication

Editor's Note: One of the very busy departments at Baptist Mid-Missions is the one which handles their youth contacts. Rev. V. Ben Kendrick, Director of their Youth Programs, likes to share with us now and then an outstanding letter or poem. The following, we feel, is excellent. It was written by Miss Laura Everett, a student at Cedarville College.

May You Be Seen In Me

Lord, make me to be a window
Letting Your light shine through
me.

Not a stained-glass pane
In a grand cathedral,
Just a common window.
Keep me clear for You.
Draw back the curtains
That would hinder the Son
From shining through my life.

Lord, make me to be a candle
Glowing with Your love.
Nor a shimmering chandelier,
Just an ordinary candle.
Keep me burning brightly for You.
Let me never become so weak
That my light is extinguished.
Keep the flame of Your pure love
Glowing in my life.

Lord, make me to be a mirror
Reflecting Your life through mine.
Not a beautiful portrait
Admired by all,
Just a plain mirror.
Keep me clean for You.
Wipe away every smudge
That might obstruct Your life
From being reflected in mine.

Lord, please help me to be
The best window, or
Candle, or mirror for You
That I am able to be.
Never attracting attention
To myself, but only to You.
Quietly, unnoticed, not
Seeking praise, just useful. . . .
May You be seen in me.

Laura Everett
Cedarville College

Editor's Note: Miss Laura Everett is a sophomore at Cedarville College majoring in Elementary Education.

the Walk-A-Thon and are thankful for the part they were able to have in providing a well-furnished chapel for the Cedarville College family.

Bible at Cedarville

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Even though Cedarville College is a college of arts and sciences, its primary concern is to prepare men and women for full-time service to the Lord. Cedarville believes in the Bible as the foundation for all of its teaching. Every student must minor in Bible, taking 24 quarter hours in the Biblical Education Department. Therefore, Cedarville feels that the Bible Department should be one of the strongest in the College.

BIBLE NUMBER ONE AMONG CEDARVILLE MEN

28% of the men at Cedarville are Biblical Education majors. That is more than the next three most frequently chosen majors combined.

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM

There are 193 quarter hours of study available in Biblical Education courses including Biblical Studies, Theology, and Christian Education. There are also 25 hours offered in Biblical Language and 45 hours in Philosophy and Religion.

DEDICATED FACULTY

The Bible faculty consists of men who are dedicated to teaching God's truth through His Word. There are five full-time and five part-time professors on the Biblical Education faculty.



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